

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and the new claims as shown below.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (canceled)

2. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module effects control so that when an image signal is written to said memory module from said external device connected via said connecting module, writing of a new image signal to said memory module which is responsive to an operation of said recording instruction module is inhibited.

3. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module in accordance with operation of said recording instruction module;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module effects control so that when an image signal is written to said memory module from said external device connected via said connecting module, an operation of said recording instruction module is ignored.

4. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module effects control so that when an image signal is written to said memory module from said external device connected via said connecting module, an imaging operation which is started in response to operation of said recording instruction module is inhibited

5. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module in accordance with operation of said external device;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module effects control so that when an image signal is written to said memory module from said external device connected via said connecting module, an operation responsive to operation of said recording instruction module is inhibited.

6. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module comprises a state detecting module which detects a state that an image signal is ready to be written to said memory module from said external device, and effects control so that when said state detecting module detects said write ready state, writing of a new image signal to said memory

module. which is responsive to an operation of said recording instruction module is inhibited.

7. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module in accordance with operation of said external device;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module comprises a state detecting module which detects a state that an image signal is ready to be written to said memory module from said external device, and effects control so that when said state detecting module detects said write ready state, an operation of said recording instruction module is ignored.

8. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus to said external device; and
- a control module which controls writing into said memory module;

wherein said control module comprises a state detecting module which detects a state that an image signal is ready to be written to said memory module from said external device, and effects control so that when said state detecting module detects said write ready state, an imaging operation which is started in response to an operation of said recording instruction module is inhibited.

9. (new) An imaging apparatus connectable to an external device comprising:

- a recording instruction module which instructs a recording;
- an imaging module which generates an image signal from an optical image;
- a memory module which stores said image signal generated by said imaging module in accordance with operation of said recording instruction module;
- a connecting module which enables connection of said imaging apparatus and said external device; and
- a control module which controls reading from said memory module and writing to said memory module;

wherein said control module comprises a state detecting module which detects that said image signal generated by said imaging module is ready to be written to said memory module from said external device, and effects control so that when said state detecting module detects the write ready state, an operation which is responsive to an operation of said recording instruction module is inhibited.